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Police: Larcenies in south, north neighborhoods

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

On Friday Van Buren Township police sent out a Nixle advisory concerning home invasions and larceny from autos occurring in the south end of the township within the past two weeks.

The area targeted has been between Sumpter and Elwell roads north of Hull and south of W. Huron River Drive.

On Monday, Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain issued another call for residents to call the police if they see anything unusual in their neighborhoods, since ten larceny from auto reports had been lodged on Sunday in Homestead subdivision off Ecorse Road in the north end of the township.

He has no reason to believe the south and north criminal activity is related, he said.

Home invasions on some unoccupied homes and garages have been occurring along with larceny from unlocked vehicles in driveways in the south end.

The Homestead larcenies were between 2 and 4:15 a.m. on Sunday, based on video camera evidence from a resident.

Director Laurain said on the video three suspects and a pick up truck can be seen.

He said there were two breakings and enterings of garages using garage door openers found in unlocked cars.

A riding lawn mower was taken from a garage and left at the end of a driveway

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

The T-Rex Arms gun store and indoor gun range at 44800 North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township held a ribbon-cutting with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday. Taking part in the ceremony were owners Anthony and Nikki Pallich and Michael and Michelle Wyatt; employees Rick Kuchna, David Foy, and Justin Wyatt; and many chamber members, community members, and customers. The business officially opened its doors to public at noon Friday.

The brick came tumbling down

On Sunday, Aug. 21, all the bricks fell off of a two-and-a-half story eastern wall of Harbour Club Apartments on Denton Road in Van Buren Township. The bricks crushed a carport, but damaged no vehicles and injured no people. Some of the residents speculate that the brick broke loose due to the vibration of the jets during that week end's Air Show at nearby Willow Run Airport. The now bare wall faces the apartment complex's golf course.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT's new ISO rating is 4, which could bring lower insurance costs

On Monday afternoon, Van Buren Township received the latest Public Protection Classification from Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO) -- and it was good news that could mean reduced property insurance rates for township residents.

According to the ISO, based on a scale of 1-10, "Class 1" represents an exemplary fire suppression program and "Class 10" represents an area's fire suppression fails to meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Prior to Monday's announcement, the township earned its most recent ISO rating in December 2012. In that 2012 review of the township's water, 911 communication, and fire departments the township earned a Class 6 which was the same rating it had earned in a March 1992 review.

"Today, we are very proud and honored to announce that Van Buren Township's rating has been upgraded to a Class 4," said Fire Chief Dan Besson.

The ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments and others by providing information with regard to risk. ISO has evaluated and classified approximately 48,000 communities nationwide. According to the ISO of the over 48,000 fire protection areas rated only about 4,600 of them rated better than a Class 4.

Source: <https://www.isomitigation.com/program-works/facts-and-figures-about-ppc-codes-around-the-country.html>

A community PPC rating is dependent upon:

- Needed Fire Flows (the amount of water necessary for fire suppression)
 - Emergency Communications (911 call taking and incident dispatching)
 - Fire Department (equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire trucks, operational considerations and community risk reduction)
 - Water Supply (inspection and flow-testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute)
- The report is comprised of 3 sections:
- Emergency communications account for 10% of the classification;
 - Water supply system is 40% of the classification; and
 - Fire department is 50% of the total classification.

The ISO's Public Protection Classification evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria and national recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association.

According to Dominic Santanna, ISO's Manager of the National Processing Center in Mt. Laurel, NJ, "Most U.S. insurers -- including the largest ones -- use the Public Protection Classification information as part of their decision-making when deciding what businesses to write, coverage to offer, or prices to charge for *personal* or *commercial* property insurance." It also "provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark, and is used by many fire departments as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting, and justifying fire protection improvements."

Although ISO reviews take place minimally every five years, Fire Chief Dan Besson and Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works, felt the township had made significant improvements to their respective areas that they invited ISO in for an early audit.

Besson, Taylor, and Sergeant Louis Keele, supervisor of the township's 911 Communications Center, provided a significant amount of data, statistics, and documentation. In a letter to Township Supervisor Linda Combs, Santanna added "ISO appreciates the high level of cooperation by local officials during the entire PPC survey process...and we wish to thank you...for your cooperation."

The new ISO classification takes effect Dec. 1, 2016.

Information provided by VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson

Belleville DDA bids out park grass cutters, gets rid of city DPW crew

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously at its regular meeting Aug. 17 to hire Pioneer Landscaping to cut its parklands instead of the city of Belleville DPW crew for the rest of this season.

Pioneer's quote was almost half that of the DPW and much lower than all the other quotes.

Now the DDA will be able to deduct the grass cutting fee it pays to the city and reduce the amount in its budget that goes for maintenance. The previous district maintenance agreement has expired and the city and DDA are negotiating for a new agreement.

The city has been waiting for an updated 2016-17 DDA budget since before the new fiscal year started on July 1. The DDA indicated it needed to get its grass bids



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

At the final Music Lakeside concert last Thursday evening, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts gave away ice cream to concert-goers at Horizon Park. Serving the ice cream were two students from McBride Middle School who were earning community service credits for graduation. In the rear is Peggy Voigt who oversaw the ice cream table. Waiting for ice cream is Linda Luke.



The crowd enjoyed the Beatles' music offered by Dig A Phony band. This was the final concert in the summer series put on by the Music Committee of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

before it could finalize its budget.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson got five price quotes, including one from the DPW, for the cutting of grass at Village Park, Victory Park, Horizon Park, and Doane's Landing.

Pioneer currently has the DDA contract to plant and weed the flowers in the DDA district, Thompson said, and the city is very satisfied with their work.

The quotes were:

- **Pioneer Landscaping** of Van Buren Township -- Village Park, \$330 per cut; Victory Park, \$55 per cut; Horizon Park, \$50 per cut; and Doane's Landing, \$25 per cut, for a total of \$460 per week.

- **City of Belleville** -- Village Park, \$640 per cut; Victory Park, \$60 per cut; Horizon

Park, \$50 per cut; Doane's Landing \$40 per cut for a total of \$800 per week.

- **Bizzie Bee** of Belleville -- Village Park, \$800 per cut; Victory Park, \$200 per cut; Horizon Park, \$175 per cut; Doane's Landing, \$150 per cut, for a total of \$1,325 per week.

- **Weise's Lawn Care** of Van Buren Township -- Village Park, \$1,125 per cut; Victory Park, \$85 per cut; Horizon Park, \$64 per cut; Doane's Landing, \$55 per cut, for a total of \$1,329 per week.

- **Matt Lee's Lawn Service** -- Village Park, \$1,250 per cut; Victory Park, \$50 per cut; Horizon Park, \$50 per cut; Doane's Landing \$25 per cut, for a total of \$1,375 per week.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Our community members always reach out to help

Once they know about needs, members of the Belleville community always reach out to help. They have to know there is a need first and that's where we are able to help, by putting out the information that opens people's hearts. We've been writing about this for years because it is such a precious part of this community.

For example, we were able to let people know about the heavy-handed vote of the Sumpter Planning Commission that may cost the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue a grant to put extra kennels on the back of their no-kill shelter.

People reached out, giving what they could. Some \$20 bills here and there and one a bit more. Discounts on the paperwork came; more help needed.

Now, we find that funds are needed to help a young couple fight cancer. Kevin Robertson was hoping for help from a recent fund raiser, but that was just a dream. And, costs are piling up with few ways to pay the bills. No insurance. No Social Security. No unemployment compensation. Hope dwindling.

He and his wife are having a yard sale during Belleville's annual citywide yard sale Sept. 10 and 11 where they will be selling donated items. And, they are having a bottle/can drive. Just drop donations off at 59 Henry Street.

This young couple is trying to face life with courage and hope. Let's see what we can do to help them. It's the way this community works.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Somebody faxed us four pages that may show bad conditions at Village Park. Faxed pictures come out really bad on the receiving end.

The unnamed faxer wrote: "The City of Belleville should be ashamed! What kind of pride is this? Overgrown grass, weeds, flower pots full of trash. View from Village Park on Savage Road, owned and (not) maintained by the City of Belleville (DPW)! Concerned resident of Victoria Commons and also embarrassed to say I live here. Photos taken Aug. 22."

We receive lots of complaints about conditions in the city of Belleville now that there are only two DPW workers. We especially get complaints about Doane's Landing park at the gateway to the city. It has been roped off for months.

No one seemed embarrassed that the recent Belleville Bridge Walk started right there at the roped-off park.

We tried to call Providence at Harbour Club Apartments to get information on the bricks that fell off their outside wall, but it's impossible to get through unless you know somebody's name or want to rent an apartment. Everything is by machine.

M-STEP results released Tuesday show the percentage of Savage Elementary School students passing the English language arts exam in third grade dropped 28 percentage points, from 79% in 2015 to 51% this year, while in math, the decline was 32 percentage points, from 91% to 59%.

Meanwhile, in fourth grade, the percentage of students passing the English language arts exam is down 13 percentage points,



from 77% to 64%, and the drop in math was 27 percentage points, from 89% to 62%.

We're not surprised, since the school was in mass disarray following the marching out of the five beloved teachers in January. Many classes had substitute teachers for much of that semester during which they were tested.

It's interesting to note that even though the English in third grade and math in fourth grade were down, they still were the highest elementary school scores in the district.

The Detroit Free Press seems to push the idea that the decline in scores means the teachers cheated in 2015.

A young man reports that he paid for gas at the pump with his new credit card with a chip at the Shell station at I-94 and Belleville Road and then took his mother to Vegas. When he returned he learned someone had used the information from his card in Oak Park and Southfield to charge \$2,000 worth of goods.

This isn't the first time we've heard complaints about the skimming of cards at that location.

A fund raiser was held Sept. 13 to help cancer patient Kevin Robertson and although more than \$1,500 was donated by local merchants for the event, Robertson only received a couple of hundred dollars and that was only after shaming the man

who put on the event.

Family members are so upset over the way this was handled and feel bad for all the local merchants who donated to the event trying to help. The man who put on the event said he didn't get enough to covers his expenses.

Kevin was diagnosed with cancer on May 7, 2016. He went through four week-long treatments and now needs surgery to remove tumors in his lung, stomach and testicle. Kevin is not getting unemployment, disability or social security at this time.

Medical bills are piling up, costs for prescriptions have increased due to his FMLA expiring from his previous employer who then terminated his employment and insurance. There is a go-fund me page at www.gofundme.com/kevinrobertson

Kevin and his wife Allison (who works part time locally) will host a yard sale during the Community Yard Sale with donated items. A bottle drive is in the works, as well, and returnables can be dropped on the porch of 59 Henry Street, Belleville.

The family sends thanks out to this very kind, generous community they have called home all their lives. Kevin and the families appreciate your prayers and support.



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Letters

Sumpter Twp. officials should be ashamed

To the Editor:

Sumpter Township officials should be ashamed of themselves for delaying and driving up the cost of the construction of the new Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue (FMAR) building. Part of it has already been completed and approved by the township. When fully completed it will significantly increase the number of animals that they can house.

FMAR helps the Township by taking in dogs and cats that are found abandoned or surrendered by owners who can no longer take care of them; and they work closely with the Township's Animal Control and Police Departments to do this. Many of these animals are in terrible condition, needing extensive medical care. The owners and volunteers provide the care, food and love that they need for recovery, which can take months or even years. The costs for this activity can be staggering - vet and medical fees on top of the basic daily costs to run such a facility - utilities, maintenance, food and other essential supplies - and all of it is covered by donations, fundraisers and the occasional grant.

They were fortunate to receive a grant to help pay for this new building, but because of the delay to the construction they are at risk of losing this valuable grant. I would have expected the township to be doing everything possible to help them get the project completed as soon as possible so that they can keep the grant and increase their effectiveness. Instead, they appear to be making it extremely difficult and much more expensive by changing the ground rules part-way through the process. Surely someone in the township management can work with FMAR and the planning consultant to sort this out without driving up the cost. Along with the significant delay, the costs may rise \$10,000 to \$15,000 for fees to hire professionals to replace the drawings done by hand (which up to now have been acceptable) with a complete set of architectural drawings.

Caring for all the animals is a huge job - 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, every single day of the year; and these people in this facility do an outstanding job, making it the envy of other similar facilities anywhere. Everyone in this community should be proud of their achievement and the devotion to the animals that has made it possible. Surely it is worth some extra effort on the part of others to help them continue this essential role.

Linda Porter

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Just a few random thoughts on a Monday...

To the Editor:

About summer: A great time out West with granddaughter Madaline. Good time at the beach with Lena and family. This past Friday A.M. at Tim Horton's - too many good friends to name. Had good conversation with Officer Greg Laurain about yard signs (I support local police). I'll have to find out who has them. Stopped at Express Tire. Marty and Dan have always been helpful. Spent 2 hours at Barnes & Noble then lunch with daughter Lara. Saturday took granddaughter Kalee (Belleville Fire Fighter) to Detroit just to look around. Went by my old high school (Southwestern). Sad. Fenced off, boarded up, and weeds to keep you from seeing it. Next stop, King's Used Book Store. If you love books, don't miss it. Hop over to the Guardian Building (what all of Detroit used to look like). On to Belle Isle and Scott's Fountain. Park clean and lots of picnics. Over to Milano's for lunch. Ran into my Belleville dentist and good friend Gary Berman (no pulling or grinding today). Toured Boston Edison area. Great homes from the past and still well-kept. Real rain storm on the way home, but stopped about 4:30. Belleville Marching Band performance at 5. Sunday lunch with my wonderful wife Linda. Monday morning at coffee ran into longtime friend Sharry Budd on her way to work. How good it has been not to think about our troubled country these past few days.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

Joe Flange drives over one million safe miles

To the Editor:

I am writing this to express congratulations to my husband Joe Flange.

You see, he drives a semi-truck to support our family. This past June, he achieved a milestone in his career: Over one million safe driving miles.

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Kelley Flange
 Belleville

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More Letters

L&W gives one penny raise to hi-low drivers

To the Editor:

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Beverly A. Mullins

BEVERLY A. MULLINS

Beverly A. Mullins, age 79, of Ocala, FL, passed away on August 22, 2016. Beverly moved to Florida in 1989 from Belleville, MI.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Belleville, FL, and enjoyed sewing, embroidery, quilting, cooking, arts and crafts, and being a Facebook Novice.

Beverly is preceded in death by her husband Glendale Mullins. She is survived by her daughters, Rita K. Vassar and Michelle A. Korotney; grandsons Jamie (Rosana) Vassar and Luke (Jessica) Lindberg; great-grandchildren Manny and Gabriella; brother Gerald Allen and sister Erma Reedy. Beverly is also survived by her loving companion Rambo.

Memorial contributions in Beverly's name may be made to Estelle's Hospice House, 2897 SE 62nd Street, Ocala, FL 34480. Expressions of condolences may be made at www.forestlawnocala.com.

JERRY MORGAN

(October 29, 1958 - August 26, 2016)

Jerry Anthony Morgan, 57, Belleville, passed away August 26, 2016 after suffering a stroke the week before. Although legally blind, he enjoyed walking around Belleville, listening to Kung Fu movies and going fishing off the docks at Horizon Park.

Jerry leaves behind his partner of 19 years, Donna Jamie; a sister Nancy Morgan; children Emma, Anthony and Jerry, Jr., all of Detroit; two black cats, Midnight and Licorice; several close friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to help with final expenses. Those can be brought or sent to: Donna Jamie, c/o Jerry Morgan Fund, 160 Church St., #101, Belleville, MI 48111.

THOMAS ROY ROBINSON, JR.

(February 13, 1945 - August 29, 2016)

Thomas R. Robinson, age 66, of Belleville, August 28, 2016. Beloved husband of Linda Robinson. Loving father of Nick and Mike Robinson. Dearest brother of Ellen (the late Paul) Bubnick and Daniel (Tamara) Robinson. He is preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Mary Robinson, Sr. Funeral service is Saturday, 2:30 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Saturday, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. His cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

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Harry Eastwood Tinsley

HARRY EASTWOOD TINSLEY

(July 15, 1931 - August 27, 2016)

Harry Eastwood Tinsley, age 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 27, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor. He was born July 15, 1931 to Harry and Josephine Stevens Tinsley in Flint, Michigan.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan (Paddock) Tinsley. Harry was father to three children: Ronald (Marilyn) Tinsley of Belleville; Toni (Michael) Golden of Pinckney, Michigan; Thomas (Sandra) Tinsley of Belleville. He was grandfather to four and great-grandfather to seven: Christopher (Jennifer) Thornton and their children Alison, Aaron, and Alex; Aubrey (Christopher) Martinson and their children Lily and Iver; Jaclyn (Evan) Hofman and their child Jack; Steven Tinsley; step-granddaughter Abby Sayo and her son Chase.

He is also survived by his siblings John (Sharon) Tinsley, Barbara (Roscoe) Coomer, and sister-in-law Mary Tinsley.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harry E. Tinsley and Josephine Stevens, and his brother George Tinsley.

Harry served our country in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1953.

Harry founded Contract Welding & Fabricating in 1964. He began the business welding heavy equipment in a small shop on Michigan Avenue in Canton, Michigan where he was the only employee. In the 1970s, he purchased a machine shop and began fabricating refuse equipment. Contract Welding became a family business in the 1980s when they were joined by all three of their children. Today, the company is run by their youngest son Tom and his wife Sandy, and is located at 385 Sumpter Road in Belleville. The company celebrated 50 years of business in 2014.

Harry loved golfing with friends and traveling with his wife Joan. They were members of the Nomad travel club based out of Detroit Metro Airport and took numerous trips, such as flying on the Concord to England. Harry and Joan also visited many other countries together such as Egypt, China, and Turkey.

Harry and Joan spent their winters in Florida and enjoyed spending time over the years with their children and grandchildren at cottages in Northern Michigan.

He loved to laugh, and make others laugh and will be remembered as a generous man who cared deeply about his family.

To honor Harry's wishes, no service is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



FRANKY 'SUPER MEX' SUGGS

(June 26, 1944- August 26, 2016)

Age 72 of Superior Township. Survived by son Melvin and four grandsons. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and noon until 3 p.m. service on Thursday, Sept. 1, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Obituaries



Richard "Dick" Kruse

RICHARD 'DICK' KRUSE

(November 10, 1941 – August 5, 2016)

Richard "Dick" Kruse, age 74, died peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Franz Kruse. He is survived by his sister Elaine (Stan) Banks, his nephew Daniel Banks, and his niece Maria Banks (Jeff Wilfore).

Richard brought the love of music into people's lives for more than 50 years. Originally from Schenectady, NY, Richard attended the University of Michigan School of Music. He toured Europe with U of M Symphony band in 1962, where he played many beautiful solos as the 1st chair clarinet. He was inducted into their Music Hall of Fame in 2011, and got to play in the Big House with some of his fellow former bandmates.

Richard Kruse is well-known to and loved by the City of Romulus and its band families, having been Director of Bands at Romulus Junior High/Middle School, and fulfilling the role of Romulus Schools Music Department Head. Mr. Kruse spent a great deal of his personal time and money to not only ensure the band's success, but to make sure the students were learning to love music while having fun. Kruse retired from his position as Director in 2000.

Mr. Kruse was named The City of Romulus' Person of the Year in 1991. This is an award given by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce in recognition of community service. He was nominated for his efforts to promote the students, the schools, the Music programs, and the community as a whole, as well as mentoring students in his classes. Kruse was very proud of this achievement, and was happy to have his father in attendance when he was honored with the award.

After retirement, Kruse worked at the Romulus Board of Education in photography and public relations, finishing off 41 years with the schools. He was last employed as a field sales representative and student recruiter for Marshall Music. Up until May 2016, Kruse continued to remain involved in the musical journeys of children and their families all over Michigan. Kruse has been an avid golfer for years, and spent lots of time on the courses of the country club he loved. He is well known for inviting people to join him at the club for the holiday events, golf and luncheons.

Mr. Kruse lived a fulfilled and successful life. He enjoyed his lake, his cats, and the love and company of the families who made him a part of their family.

Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, and interment took place at Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Albany, NY.

Those who wish, may contribute, donate, and support the Romulus Bands. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.

CHARLES 'CHUCK' HUGHEY

June 28, 1953 – August 21, 2016

Charles "Chuck" Hughey passed away August 21, 2016 after a long illness. He was born June 28, 1953 to Charles and Lois Hughey of Romulus, MI. He leaves behind two sons, Charles and William of North Carolina; four grandchildren; seven siblings and countless nieces and nephews. Mr. Hughey was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Karen.



MILTON HENRY ADAMS

(February 13, 1945 - August 29, 2016)

Age 71, of Sumpter Township, died August 29, 2016.

Milton is the loving husband of Joyce for 49 wonderful years; dear father of Raymond Adams of Florida and Patrick (Giselle) of California. Raymond is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, DeLorenzo, Jodie, and Lynden; siblings, Alma Adams, Sarah Pope, Florence Pope, Arthur (Rhonda) Adams and Martha Wilson.

Born on February 13, 1945 in Verbena, Alabama to Theodore and Anna Adams, Milton moved to Milan, Michigan at a young age. He proudly served his country in the Vietnam war. He was a very proficient athlete, excelling in hockey, football, golf and track and field. Farming was a love as well as time with his family.

A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 3, at the Ark of Noah Missionary Baptist Church, 13755 Rawsonville Rd., Belleville, with the Rev. James Eaddy officiating. Repast in church dining room at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Parkinson Foundation.

MARY K. BIGENHO

(August 20, 1939 - August 24, 2016)

Mary K. Bigenho, age 77, of Belleville. Mary is the beloved wife of Larry for nine wonderful years; loving mother of Kathy Childers of Belleville, Wayne Childers of Belleville and Greg (Theresa) Childers of North Carolina.

Mary is also survived by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and siblings, James "Glen" (Barbara) Withrow of Ypsilanti and John "Jake" (Ann) of West Virginia.

Born on August 20, 1939 in Marfrance, West Virginia to John and Anna Withrow, Mary and her family moved to the Ypsilanti/Belleville area at a young age. She enjoyed golfing, bowling and time with her family.

In keeping with Mary's wishes, cremation rites have been arranged. No formal services are planned at this time.

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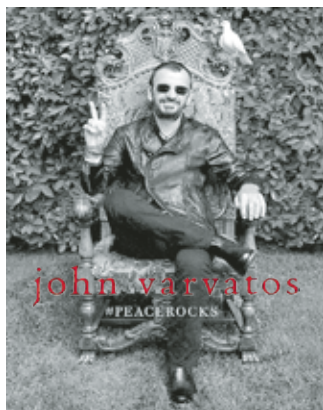
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But, now that Sumpter Township is requiring expensive paperwork to build kennels – and the grant to fund half of the work may expire – the spaghetti dinner has been changed to benefit the kennel plans.

The dinner is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Road, Ypsilanti 48198. There will also be raffles and a bake sale. Tickets are \$10 for adults and kids 13 and up, \$6 for kids 12 and under, with kids 2 and under eating free.

Marcie LaFramboise, vice president of FMAR, said because of the information printed in the *Independent*, FMAR has found a couple of people that will give them a big discount for the required prints.

But, she said, FMAR has been informed it needs a survey first, that will cost about \$2,000, including a discount.

Because of the urgency surrounding the grant, the “Spayghetti” dinner, if it is successful, will replenish some of the

money being expended on the plans, LaFramboise said.

She said it is heartwarming to see all of the support FMAR is getting: “\$20 here and there and even a \$260 donation from Tracie’s welding shop down the street. We are blessed.”

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Today's paper features the Belleville Harvest Market application in an ad from the Belleville Central Business Community looking for crafters, and sellers of produce, plants, flowers, jams/jellies, etc. The fee

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is \$10 for the Harvest Fest Market event scheduled for Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 4th Street Square. The fee includes an 8-foot table and two chairs. No tents but you can bring your own. See their ad for the address where to deliver or mail the apps. Call CBC Event Coordinator Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. or email her at jfayemillard@att.net. Space is limited. Other Harvest Fest events are planned for Fourth Street, between the museum and the library.

Sumpter CCW & CPL Firearms Training classes are now being held in our community. The cost is \$99 but you can take \$10 off with their ad in today's paper. They also provide FFL Transfers service. Call (734) 846-3438 and visit them on Facebook.

The new Belles Creatively Unexpected Treasures artisan store is opening this Saturday, featuring all types of art, some by local artists, including pottery, jewelry, photography, candles, re-purposed furniture, and more at 381 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Artisans can call owner Martha Milholin to find out how they can have their own treasures put on consignment, etc. Call (734) 325-2372.

Congratulations to the BHS Tigers varsity football team for winning their season opener, 40-19 over Canton Salem last week. The Tigers travel to Dearborn tonight for a match up against the Pioneers. Go Tigers!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

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More information on trusts will be included in the next article of this four-part series and will appear in the September 15, 2016 edition.

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Belleville DDA

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The quote specifications called for a mowing once a week until the second week in October, but the city may adjust the schedule as needed.

DDA president Rosemary Loria explained the reason the DDA went out for price quotes.

"The city is short on staff and this is to help the city," she said. "We want to make an honest effort to help out, not only their budget but ours."

DDA member Jim Higgerson said there was quite a difference in price quotes. DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams agreed, pointing out some were almost \$1,000 more.

Thompson said Building Official Rick Rutherford called Pioneer after looking at its low quote and they guaranteed these prices for this year.

Higgerson pointed out Pioneer was less in all categories.

"The whole reason we did this is to help the city and our budget," president Loria said. "... We have bid the landscape work in downtown and Pioneer is always the lowest."

DDA members agreed they would review how everything's been done by Pioneer after the season is over.

Kelly Bates, president of the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association, said the edging that has been done at Village Park this summer has been really bad, with the DPW just going as close as they can with the mowers and damaging the trees.

Loria said DDA members went out after last month's meeting to look at the parks and Higgerson said members can go out and check on the work.

Loria said Pioneer offered to give the DDA this same price for next year. She said the cutting season is May through the second week of October.

In other business at the 34-minute meeting on Aug. 17, the DDA:

- Heard Thompson report that some repairs have been made and some repairs still need to be made at the canoe/kayak launch. She said the sign retrieved from the lake could not be used as a replacement because it was bent when vandals pulled it out of its location. She said about \$1,934 has been spent of the \$2,400 allocated for repairs. An insurance claim has been filed and the DDA will pay the deductible, she said.

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VBT larcenies

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and Laurain said they may have been unsuccessful in getting it into the pickup.

Laurain said people don’t realize they’ve been victimized until morning when the suspects are long gone.

On Monday night, Channel 2 News interviewed residents in Homestead subdivision who were victimized during the early morning hours.

One resident showed how her car was damaged by someone trying to steal her catalytic converter. Others showed damage to their vehicles.

Laurain said everyone has to be vigilant and lock the doors of their homes and vehicles.

“So many people are not locking the doors to their houses,” he said.

Laurain also said they need to keep valuables out of sight in vehicles because people can look in a window, see something they want and break the window to get it.

Police encourage residents to keep their electronic devices, purses, wallets and other belongings out of unlocked and unattended vehicles while parked in driveways and, if possible, keep outside lighting on after dark.

Residents are asked to be vigilant in their neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity to police. Laurain said his department dispatches a car to every call. If a caller wants no contact from a police officer the officer will come out to check on the situation and not contact the caller, Laurain said.

“You can help by sharing this information with your neighbors and together be the eyes and ears for the police,” Laurain said. “We have to work together.”

As far as leaving your house and vehicle unlocked, “You can’t do that anymore,” Laurain said.

Looking for indoor crafters for Applefest

Indoor crafters are being sought for the 2016 Huron Applefest Craft Show inside the activity center at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street, New Boston. The dates are Saturday, Oct 1 (9-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct 2 (11-5 p.m.). For more information or an application call Pat at (734) 753-9158.

Community Chorus resumes rehearsals, more singers sought

If you like to sing, the Belleville Community Chorus invites you to join in as it embarks on its 11th year of presenting diverse vocal selections for the enjoyment of the tri-community.

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The BCC is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. Using a variety of choral music, its performances provide enrichment, education, and enjoyment for its members and audiences in all of the Belleville area communities.

Rehearsals are every Monday evening at 7 p.m., beginning Sept. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. A winter concert will be performed in December.

If you are interested in joining this group, come to the first rehearsal by 6:30 p.m. so that director Sue Hiser can place your voice in the appropriate section.

For more information, contact Pete Jones at (734) 731-0829 or email to Plrmj@msn.com.

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August 17, 2016
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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at J&M Towing, 5760 Belleville Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

1999 GMC, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1GDFG15R0X1161077

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2016 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

6 MAIN STREET

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2000 FORD, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1FAFP55U1YG264271

1999 HONDA, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 4S6CM58W8X4417802

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To build a better world, start in your own community!



They’re reading the Independent everywhere

Steve and Carol Gomes of Van Buren Township took a kayak trip around Philip Edward Island, Ontario, in the northern part of Georgian Bay. They paused for a picture and to read their *Independent* on Aug. 17.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

2016 BUICK, FOUR DOOR , VIN: 2G4GS5GX2G9103053

2015 GENR, CYL, VIN: RFVPM20XF1009712

1999 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMZU35P4XZB29976

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2016 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m., followed by



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 30 residents.

3. Agenda:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve adding a Closed Session to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve Item D: Approve Resolution 2016-12 to approve to execute the Agreement between Wayne County and Sumpter Township Parks Grant of \$10,585.00. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

5. Minutes: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Warrants totaling \$283,267.62. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report - Luke:

A. Thanks to the Citizens of Sumpter Township for the overwhelming show of Support of the Police Department by passing both millages on August 2, 2016.

B. Condolences to family of 12 year old killed in the tragic car accident.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve to schedule Promotional Exams 3rd week of October. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve the Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report - LaPorte: Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report - Januszyk: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to Receive and File Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report - Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report - J. Morgan:

A. Wayne County Health Department has closed Sherwood Pond for swimming currently. Bacteria levels are too high due to no rain. Testing done weekly; County will advise when clear to swim.

B. Wayne County Fair through August 13, 2016.
C. Hazardous Waste Collection August 13, 2016 at Westland Shopping Center.

D. Taste of Belleville is Thursday August 18, 2016.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. Dangerous Animal Ordinance – First reading next board meeting August 23, 2016.

B. MDEQ

C. Motion by Bates, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte reported on Engine 31. Still out for repairs. Will need to be replaced in the future.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman with great sadness to approve the Retirement of Maria Beaudrie (Human Resource) effective August 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Michael McHenry to return to Fire

regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter

Department August 1, 2016 from leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Sumpter Township Firefighters to use Fire Station #1 for annual Chicken Broil September 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve Resolution 2016-12 to approve and execute the Agreement between Wayne County and Sumpter Township Parks Grant totaling \$10,585.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous.

16. Announcements:

A. Parks & Recreation Demolition Derby and Car Show will be September 18, 2016.

B. Ice Cream Social at Library

17. Open Floor:

A. Matt Ban

1. Dangerous Animal Ordinance Committee

2. Drunk Driver offenses and more strict laws

3. Distracted Drivers

B. Mary Ban:

1. Thanks for the attention given to overgrown weeds

2. Sumpter Fest

C. Lydia Graber:

1. Tax foreclosed properties

D. Ronald Barrington Robinson:

1. Welcomed Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous

2. Thanks to all residents that came out to Vote on August 2, 2016

3. Considers Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. and his family heroes for helping feed the needy and helping those less fortunate regardless of position or status.

4. Bardell Team congratulates Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. on victory for re-election as Sumpter Township Clerk.

5. Violations of Campaign Laws reported to Wayne County Clerk's Office on some members of the Morgan Team.

E. Jay Bardell

1. Had fun Campaigning, meeting new people and seeing beautiful homes in Sumpter Township.

2. Appreciate fire hydrants being cleared of tall grass

3. Warrant totals broken down into departments for public to see

18. Closed Session: Pending Litigation Norden vs. Sumpter Township

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to go into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to go back into Open Session at 8:08 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to direct Attorney Young to follow instructions given by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on August 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

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Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, September 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of

Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room of Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear comments on the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2016-2020.

Van Buren Township is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of Parks and Recreation Department facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing to the Parks and Recreation Department, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8926 with questions or comments.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION

**The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the
SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan**

The proposed project consists of the installation of a generator already procured by the Township at their Senior Center facility located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111. The project is funded by CDBG grants and subject to prevailing wage regulations as dictated by the Davis-Bacon Act.

Sealed bids will be received by:

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

Sumpter Township

23480 Sumpter Road

Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Monday, September 12, 2016 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Monday, September 12, 2016 at 2:00pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office

23480 Sumpter Road

Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 514 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0129 – disturbance, Ecorse Rd.
0240 – disturbance, Locust Dr./Maple Dr.
1034 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1036 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1059 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
1146 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1151 – suspicious situation, Lighthouse Dr.
1230 – private property accident, Auto Zone
1422 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1435 – larceny from auto, Buchanan St./Filmore St
1440 – private property accident, Bayshore Dr.
1557 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1720 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1728 – property damage, Beckley Rd., cancel
1738 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1800 – assault & battery, Richards Run
1824 – disorderly conduct, Wabash Rd., cancel
1913 – fight, Quirk Rd.
2025 – larceny, Rawsonville
2030 – breaking & entering, Freedom Way
2155 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Aug. 22:
0114 – malicious destruction of property, Richard Run
0544 – larceny from auto, Fairfield Dr.
0650 – larceny from auto, Fairfield Dr.
0729 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0735 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty, cancel
0844 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, E. Adams
0909 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1036 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1258 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1429 – ordinance violation, Coolidge St.
1509 – fraud, Vernon St.
1523 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1537 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1629 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1630 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1735 – neighbor trouble, Farm Rd.
1746 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1748 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1907 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 North Service Dr.
1929 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.
1933 – larceny from auto, Bak Rd.
1949 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./EQ
2042 – suspicious situation, Parkwood Manor
2103 – traffic hazard, Denton/RR track
2154 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2215 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
2242 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2244 – suspicious person, Westlake
2301 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd., cancel
2325 – malicious destruction of property, Hull Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0033 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
0038 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0103 – suicide or attempt, Riggs Rd.
0138 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0200 – vehicle repossession, Oak Ln.
0319 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville DNR
0329 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0356 – suspicious situation, Oak Ln.
0707 – suspicious person, Harmony Ln.
0718 – larceny from auto, E. Adams
0828 – intimidation threat, EB I-94/Belleville
0834 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0841 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1047 – larceny, Westlake
1119 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
1134 – property damage accident, Haggerty
1524 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.

1608 – trespassing, Martz Rd.
1651 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Walden Blvd.
1719 – breaking & entering, Quirk Rd.
1818 – suspicious situation, Parkwood Manor
1839 – larceny from auto, Bradley Dr.
1857 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1928 – agency assist, Westlake
2219 – juvenile complaint, Parkside Dr.
2303 – juvenile complaint, Buchanan St.
2353 – fight, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:
0345 – vehicle repossession, Meadows Ct.
0439 – sexual assault, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0653 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1044 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1047 – larceny from auto, Bradley Dr.
1344 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1450 – mental, Berkdale Dr.
1606 – property damage, Belleville
1713 – suspicious vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1734 – noise complaint, Stonebridge Dr.
2028 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
2102 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2206 – breaking & entering, Spencer Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 25:
0157 – property damage accident, Spencer Ave. / Roulo St.
0217 – malicious destruction of property, Shelley
0820 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1205 – abandoned auto, Berkdale Dr.
1241 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1620 – disturbance, Anna Dr./Ecorse Rd.
1844 – larceny, Harbour Club
2104 – property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl
2150 – disturbance, Buchanan St.
2152 – harassment call, Westlake

Friday, Aug. 26:
0055 – disturbance, Winchester St.
0341 – vehicle repossession, Celestine Dr.
0352 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
0738 – dumping complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0758 – noise complaint, N Ponderosa Trl.
1442 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1443 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.
1449 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1454 – dumping complaint, Edison Lake
1533 – shots fired, Van Born
1608 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1644 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1702 – harassment call, Westlake
1807 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – suicide or attempt, Elwell Rd.
2121 – breaking & entering, Oak Blvd.
2352 – larceny from auto, Edison Lake Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 27:
0031 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0318 – assault & battery, Monroe Ct.
0401 – property damage accident, Tyler/Morton Taylor
0923 – malicious destruction of property, Sondra
1103 – larceny from auto, Fay Dr.
1359 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
1446 – private property accident, Maria’s
1517 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1722 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1812 – larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.
1841 – retail fraud, Belleville
1906 – assault & battery, Landmark
1930 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1943 – abandoned auto, Jeremy Rd./Leon Rd.
2154 – noise complaint, Parkwood
2218 – noise complaint, Parkwood
2234 – noise complaint, Country Walk Ct.

Also on this week’s log are 138 traffic stops, 27 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0044 – agency assist, Main St./Third St.
1024 – larceny, Sheldon Rd.
1901 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2038 – disturbance, Anaheim St.

Monday, Aug. 22:
0104 – assist fire dept., South St.
0534 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0737 – intrusion alarm, Light Tower Dr.
0948 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1020 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
1918 – animal bite, Sumpter/Wabash
2157 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr. / Biggs
2157 – suspicious person, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr., cancel
2305 – intrusion alarm, Main St., cancel

Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0105 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0124 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0800 – vehicle lockout, Marathon
1312 – background investigation, W. Wabash Ave.
1333 – fraud, Main St.
1634 – civil matter, J&T
2002 – assist citizen, Carmell St.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:
0817 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct
1247 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1418 – civil matter, Main St.
1851 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1857 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Davis St.
1945 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 25:
0149 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0158 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0159 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0203 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0724 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
0951 – animal complaint, Victoria Park
1046 – civil matter, Main St.
1124 – vehicle lockout, N. Liberty St.
1135 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1737 – suspicious vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.
1911 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1933 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1953 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2059 – domestic assault, Second St., west of Main

Friday, Aug. 26:
0134 – lost property, Main St.
0824 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
0909 – mental, Main St.
1539 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park / Belle Villa Blvd.
2330 – found property, Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 27:
0213 – assist citizen, Five Points
0257 – assist citizen, Martinsville
0840 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1432 – civil matter, S. Edgemont Ave.
1747 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Liberty St.
1808 – assist fire dept., Mini Mart
2101 – suspicious situation, Loza Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0229 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1121 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1208 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1244 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1558 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1611 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1651 – fight, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1729 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1916 – suspicious vehicle, Haggerty/Judd
1946 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2039 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2153 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2215 – civil dispute, Knollwood

Monday, Aug. 22:
0054 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0824 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1103 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1345 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1414 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1416 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1751 – fraud complaint, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz
1851 – suspicious person, Wear/Sherwood
1912 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1925 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2015 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

2219 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2220 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0324 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0827 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0833 – ordinance violation, 433000 bl. Judd Rd.
0914 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0930 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1454 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1527 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1826 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1830 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:
0024 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
0157 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville
0935 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1051 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1104 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1212 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1328 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1355 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1356 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1530 – fire dept. assist, Birch
1535 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 25:
0925 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0926 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1157 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1236 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1300 – suspicious incident, Wyoming
1305 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1437 – property damage accident, Elwell/Arkona
1440 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1654 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1725 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1854 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1905 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1953 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2145 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
2227 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2313 – assist other agency, Redwood
2332 – runaway juvenile, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, Aug. 26:
0201 – missing person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0923 – civil dispute, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1132 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1258 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1322 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1852 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma
1921 – ORV complaint, Karr
1933 – fire dept. assist, E. Arizona

Saturday, Aug. 27:
0041 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0150 – suspicious incident, Elwell/Judd
0312 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1035 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
1041 – alarm, Redwood
1104 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1426 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1427 – family trouble, Elwell/Judd
1500 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis
1800 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1917 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2302 – noise complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2330 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2340 – property damage accident, 41000 bl. Wear

Also on this week’s log are 13 follow-up investigations, 34 miscellaneous details, 87 patrol checks, and 21 traffic stops.

BHS home games

- Thursday, Sept. 1 – Boys’ JV Soccer against John Glenn, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 1 – Boys’ Varsity Soccer against John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 7 – Boys’ Varsity Tennis against Garden City, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9 – first home game for football team vs. Fordson.

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Attempt to set female on fire at McDonald's brings charges in VBT

Frank Stachulski, 31, of Romulus, was arraigned by 34th District Court on Tuesday afternoon on three felony charges: assault with intent to do great physical harm less than murder (which could bring 10 years in prison), fourth-degree arson (5 years), and assault with a dangerous weapon (4 years), along with a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence (93 days).

On Sunday evening, Van Buren Township Police responded to a 911 hang-up call at McDonald's restaurant on Belleville Road. The call was upgraded to a vehicle fire in the parking lot. VBT Public Safety

Director Gregory Laurain said police found that a male and female were involved in a domestic dispute and the male allegedly poured gasoline on the female and attempted to set her on fire.

Director Laurain said after being unsuccessful in igniting her, the male poured gasoline inside of the passenger compartment of her vehicle, set it on fire, and then fled on foot. Police caught him.

Stachulski's probable cause conference is Sept 7 and his preliminary exam Sept. 14, both at 34th District Court.

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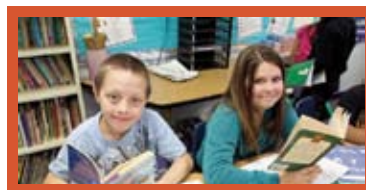
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